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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 13 May 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

1. At noon on 3 May 1954, loadings observed at the Potsdam freight station included: A shipment of 8 boxcar loads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 12 prime movers, 12 x 122-mm field guns, 17 trucks, 2 jeeps and 1 sedan, and a shipment of 6 boxcars, about 10 prime movers, about 10 x 122-mm field guns and 14 trucks. The two trains left prior to 4 p.m. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the south section of Delius Kaserne to the station. Subsequently, other trucks from the south section of the Delius Kaserne went to the Potsdam freight station. About 20 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 4 prime movers, and 4 152-mm gun howitzers were seen at the loading ramp at 4 p.m.

Loadings observed at the Wildpark freight station at 5 p.m. on 3 May included: a shipment of 8 to 10 prime movers, 8 to 10 x 122-mm field guns, 3 prime movers with truck trailers and about 12 to 15 trucks and a shipment of 6 prime movers, 6 x 122-mm field guns and about 10 to 15 trucks, Fifteen trucks, 2 jeeps and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were at the loading ramp. The loading was still under way at 6:30 p.m.

2. At 4:45 p.m. on 3 May, 10 prime movers with 122-mm field guns and an undetermined number of trucks carrying equipment were seen in the yard of Ludendorff Kaserne and later, left toward the Wildpark railroad station.

At 6:30 p.m. on 3 May, trucks carrying furniture and baggage left Hohenlohe Kaserne for the Potsdam freight station where they were entrained in 20 railroadcars by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.¹

3. On 17 April, a column of 25 motor vehicles was seen near Heeren, about 6 km south of Stendal, coming from the direction of Stendal. The column included 18 trucks carrying pontoon and pontoon sections, other trucks carrying bridge building equipment and motorboats; and 6 three-axle amphibious vehicles, about 8 meters long, as well as about 150 to 200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia.

only 4 amphibious vehicles were in the Taubentzien Kaserne in Stendal, instead of the 10 vehicles previously observed there.²

1. Comment. Barracks installations mentioned and weapons observed tend to indicate that units of the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US) stationed in the south section of Delius Kaserne and units of the unidentified gun artillery brigade stationed in the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne were entrained. the two brigades

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25X1 transferred to the Altengrabow troop training grounds on 10 trains between 3 and 5 May. The information tends to indicate that one of the three brigades of the 34th Arty Div (US) remained at the post as was observed in previous years.

2. ☐ Comment. The column probably belonged to the 338th Engr Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div carried in the Tauntzien Kaserne.

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